



REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TC/A.U. 1645

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/019,676  
Applicant : Sam Fong Yau LI et al.  
Filed : April 8, 2002  
TC/A.U. : 1648  
Examiner : Zachariah Lucas

Docket No. : 2977-118  
Customer No. : 06449  
Confirmation No. : 7819  
Title : A NOVEL IMMUNO-DIAGNOSTIC TEST METHOD FOR  
VETERINARY DISEASE

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
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April 3, 2006

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 1, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action was originally due February 1, 2006. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fee for a two month extension of time, along with any other fee deemed necessary, from Deposit Account 02-2135, thereby extending the due date for reply to April 1, 2006. Because April 1, 2006 falls on a Saturday, a response filed Monday, April 3, 2006 is considered timely. Thus, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.